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International Search Report mailed November 17, 2005 established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011135, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

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The relevancy of each document identified in the appended PTO-1449 form, with the exception of the documents mentioned in the introductory portion of the specification discussed below, is evident from the International Search Report established in PCT/EP2004/011135 of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

The relevancy of the documents mentioned in the introductory portion of the specification, namely: WO 97/39428; EP 0 659 935; DE 101 20 818; EP 0 052 624; and EP 0 053 124 is apparent from the discussion in the specification.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language abstracts that may be appended to the documents or English language counterpart patents that are identified in the paragraph below under the heading "Statement of Cumulative Information".

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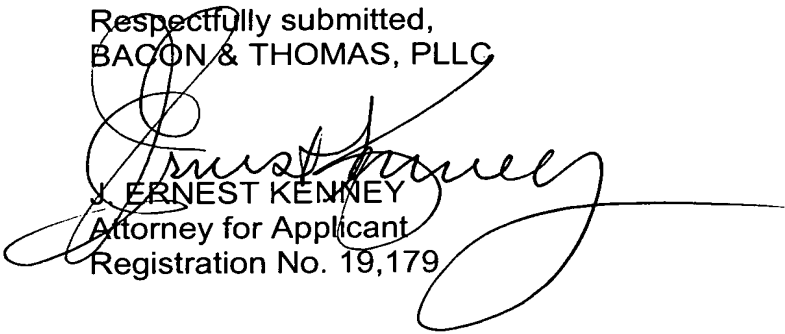
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